

C. FRIENDLINESS AND CO-OPERATION

If The happiest days with children, as the happiest women's lives, are those that have no history. Only the more explicit and dramatic instances of *friendliness and co-operation* are quoted here as separate events. There were countless minor incidents of mutual helpfulness and common activity which could not be recorded, and long stretches of quiet constructive work which do not show here. For the sense of some of these, the reader may turn again to *Intellectual Growth in Young Children*.

6.10.24. All the children helped to carry chairs and tables, crockery, etc., into the garden for lunch.

Dan saw Cecil hit Robert with the broom, and Robert cried. Dan said to Mrs. L, " He did hit him, and he cried/' Then, to Cecil, " You won't do it next time ? " Cecil replied sullenly, " No." Dan told Robert, " He won't do it next time, he won't do it next time."

15.10.24. Jessica came to lunch, and Dan took charge of her. He told her where to sit, and what to do, squeezing her affectionately every now and then.

16.10.24. Cecil was very helpful in putting things away to-day.

17.10.24. George and Cecil were climbing on the window-sill together. Cecil said to George, " I love you." George replied, " And I love *you*." " Do you ? " said Cecil, " Why ? "

21.10.24. When Frank said he would " bite ^Mrs. I/' because she did not go to him the moment he called/Dan said to him, " Please don't bite Mrs. L, please *don't*." And to her, " He won't bite you."

7.11.24. Frank had hurt Harold's leg in a quarrel, and Harold lay on the floor with his head buried in his hands. Presently Dan, who was modelling, went to Harold and asked, " Is it better now ? Will you come and do plasticine ? " Harold took no notice and did not reply. Soon

Dan went to
him again, and asked the same questions;
and after a
time, he said again, " *Won't* you come now and
do some
plasticine ?" Harold then joined the others
and became
cheerful again.

12,11.24. The children were all modelling,
very quietly,
and Dan made a boat and gave it to Benjie.
Benjie told the